REMARKS

By the above actions, claim 4, 5, 14, and 25 have been amended and claims 1 and 12 cancelled. In view of these actions and the following remarks, further consideration of this application is now requested.

Firstly, the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter with respect to claims 5-11, 13 and 15-17 has been noted with appreciation. Based thereon, claim 5 has been rewritten in independent but otherwise unchanged form. As a result, claims 5-11, 13 and 15-17 are now in condition for allowance and action to that effect is requested. Furthermore, claims 4, 14, & 25 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 5, so that these claims should also now be in condition for allowance and action to that effect is requested.

Claims 1, 4, 12, 14, and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 based on the disclosure of the patent to Franklin when viewed in combination with the patent to Rabel. However, in view of the cancellation of claims 1 & 12 and the above-noted change in the dependency of claims 4, 14, and 25, this rejection has now been rendered moot and should now be withdrawn.

On the basis of the foregoing, this application should now be in condition for allowance. However, while the present application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, should the Examiner find some issue to remain unresolved, or should any new issues arise, which could be eliminated through discussions with applicant's representative, then the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone in order that the further prosecution of this application can thereby be expedited. In this regard, the Examiner's attention is directed to the new address and telephone number of the undersigned which is set forth below and on the accompanying request for change of correspondence address notice.

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